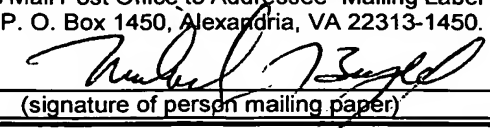


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/CH2004/000600</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>September 24, 2004</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>September 30, 2003</b>		
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>HEAT-SEALING METHOD AND DEVICE FOR IMPLEMENTING SAME</b>				
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Jean-Claude PADOY</b>				
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:				
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<b>Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:</b>				
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I hereby certify that this Transmittal Letter and the papers indicated as being transmitted therewith is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date <b>March 29, 2006</b> in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number <b>EV 681474932 US</b> addressed to the: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.				
<b>Michael J. Bujold</b> (typed or printed name of person mailing paper)		 (signature of person mailing paper)		

<p>17. ■ The following fees are submitted: <span style="float: right; font-size: 1.5em;">20/573669</span></p> <p><b>Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(5):</b>                  Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$1000.00                  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)) .. \$750.00                  No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.492(a)(2))                  but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)). ..... \$790.00                  Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(3))                  nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... \$1,110.00                  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.492(a)(4))                  and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$100.00                  ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</p> <p>Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months                  from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">Claims</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Number Filed</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Number Extra</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Rate</th> <th style="width: 15%;"></th> <th style="width: 15%;"></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total Claims</td> <td>14-20 =</td> <td>0</td> <td>x \$ 50.00</td> <td>0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent Claims</td> <td>2-3 =</td> <td>0</td> <td>x \$200.00</td> <td>0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)</td> <td>+ \$360.00</td> <td>0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" style="text-align: right;">TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</td> <td>900</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. 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A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p><b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b></p> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <p>Michael J. Bujold -- Registration No. 32,018  <b>CUSTOMER NO. 020210</b>                  Davis &amp; Bujold, P.L.L.C.                  Fourth Floor                  500 North Commercial Street                  Manchester, NH 03101-1151                  Telephone (603) 624-9220                  Telefax (603) 624-9229</p> </div>				Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate			Total Claims	14-20 =	0	x \$ 50.00	0		Independent Claims	2-3 =	0	x \$200.00	0		Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	0		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				900		Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. 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Enclosed please find four (4) sheets of new formal drawings which are to be entered in this case.

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